



## DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS BANKRUPTCY DIVISION CM/ECF Newsletter



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**W**ELCOME to the Bankruptcy Division CM/ECF Newsletter. So what is CM/ECF? CM/ECF is the acronym for Case Management/Electronic Case Files. CM/ECF is the federal judiciary new automated docket and electronic filing system that use Internet technology to provide federal courts with a modern mechanism for handling information and movement toward a paperless operating environment. This new system offers the courts updated tools for managing their cases, maintaining electronic case files and offering electronic filing over the Internet. The Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts (AO) developed and introduced CM/ECF in 1996.

The District Court of the Virgin Islands is pleased to announce its implementation of CM/ECF in the Bankruptcy Division. The Case Management (CM) portion of the new system will replace the current docketing system, NIBS (National Integrated Bankruptcy System). The Electronic Case Files (ECF) component provides access to electronic documents in the system by chambers staff, clerk's office staff, the public, and the bar. It also allows court staff members and attorneys to electronically file case documents. CM/ECF is based on the use of files in PDF (portable document format).

The Clerk's Office is in the early stages of implementing the new system. Additional information and updates on CM/ECF will be published periodically in this Newsletter and on our website: [www.vid.uscourts.gov](http://www.vid.uscourts.gov). For additional information on CM/ECF please visit [www.uscourts.gov](http://www.uscourts.gov) (ABOUT CM/ECF and FAQ's).



Filing pleadings with our court, will be only a click away!

## PROJECT TEAM

**M**embers of the court's staff actively involved in the transition to CM/ECF are:

Wilfredo Morales, Clerk  
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## CM/ECF FEATURES & BENEFITS:



- 24 hour access 7 days a week to file documents over the Internet
- Availability of case docket and filings immediately upon filing
- Automatic email notice of case activity
- Ability to download and print documents directly from the court system
- Easy to use-based on standard Internet browser
- No more waiting for unavailable files at the courthouse
- Multiple parties can view the same case files simultaneously.
- Reduces physical storage space needs and document processing time
- Low start-up costs
- Secure and reliable
- Is being used by attorneys in courts nationwide

Our next issue will feature: FAQ's, Hardware and Software requirements and Training.

